

SHADE TREE COMMISSION *of* SCRANTON



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*An Avenue of Maples which make for
Beauty, Health and Shade*

*Presented to the children of Scranton by the
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BEFORE PLANTING SHADE TREES

FOREWORD

Arbor Day greetings to the young citizens of Scranton from the Scranton Shade Tree Commission. It is on this memorable day that we again wish to remind you that we need your help in taking care of the shade trees of Scranton. You can help in more ways than you think possible. Here are a few suggestions:

1. Plant more trees.
2. Prevent horses from biting the trees.
3. Do not climb the trees and break off branches.
4. Do not try your new knife or hatchet on trees.
5. Water the trees in the summertime.
6. Pick the moth cocoons from the trees and burn them.
7. Make the trees your friends and protect them from their many enemies.

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AFTER PLANTING SHADE TREES

Are there many streets that you know of which have no shade trees? If there are any, would you not like to see them made to look like the above picture? But, alas, we cannot promise to do these things unless you promise us that you will do your best towards helping us protect these young trees against both their human enemies and natural ones. We will take care of the insects and other disease if you will prevent the other boys and girls from pulling off the branches, cutting the bark of the trees with their jack-knives, etc.

Learn to love the trees for they protect you against the sun's strong heat in the summer. They bring health and beauty to the city and yet for all the good they do for you, they ask but very little in return.

Are you with us, boys and girls of Scranton?



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The Pride of the Maple Family—The Norway Maples

ARBOR DAY



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The Story of Arbor Day



"The groves were God's first temples—
Thou didst look down
Upon the naked earth, and forthwith rose
All these fair ranks of trees. They, in thy sun,
Budded, and shook their green leaves in thy breeze,
And shot towards heaven."—*Bryant*.



Mr. J. Sterling Morton, now familiarly known as the Father of Arbor Day, was instrumental in having the Nebraska State Board of Agriculture, in session at Lincoln, Nebraska, on January 4, 1872, pass a resolution setting aside the 10th day of April for the purpose of planting trees. This day was the first official Arbor Day in the United States.

In 1875 the states of Tennessee and Kansas adopted the same day, and these states were followed in 1875 by North Dakota and Ohio. Since then every state in the Union has been celebrating one or two Arbor Days.

In Pennsylvania we have two Arbor Days, one on April 11, intended for the southern part of the state, and the other on April 25 for the northern part of the state. It has been deemed necessary to have two Arbor Days in Pennsylvania because of an earlier season in the southern part of Pennsylvania than in the northern part.

In this section of the state, April 25 is considered about the ideal time for the planting of trees, for the ground is neither too wet nor too dry, and the trees have not yet started to send forth their leaves.

How to Plant a Tree on Arbor Day



To the Boys and Girls in the Scranton Schools:

One of the finest things that you may do outside of your regular school work is to do something that will make your home, and consequently your city, beautiful. Arbor Day is a day that has been set aside for the purpose of planting a tree, a living thing whose growth and development you can watch from year to year.

Get your shovel, pick, and pitchfork out of your cellar and proceed as follows: Select a place where there is plenty of sunlight and good soil, so that the tree may be given every possible advantage to grow. Make a hole big enough to hold the roots of the tree without crowding them, place the tree so that it stands only an inch or two deeper than it stood before it was taken out of its former place, and pack plenty of good soil around its roots. After the roots are covered and the dirt is packed firmly, pour a pail of water into the hole and then fill the rest of the hole with dirt. It is always advisable to leave a little hollow ring around the base of the tree trunk, so that the tree may catch a certain amount of rain.

Water the tree twice during the week and make sure that the water soaks into the ground. Sprinkling a newly planted tree with the lawn sprinkler will not do, as it is absolutely necessary for the tree to receive plenty of water in order for it to live through the first year.

These instructions are easy to follow and if they are carefully observed, your tree will grow. It will be a fine thing for you if you can point at a tree twenty-five years hence and say with pride, "I helped to plant that tree."

TREES



I think that I shall never see
A poem as lovely as a tree—
A tree whose hungry mouth is pressed
Against the earth's sweet flowing breast;
A tree that looks at God all day
And lifts her leafy arms to pray;
A tree that may in Summer wear
A nest of robins in her hair;
Upon whose bosom snow has lain,
Who intimately lives with rain.
Poems are made by fools like me,
But only God can make a Tree.

—*Joyce Kilmer.*

